

2014 POLICY PRIORITIES

survey results

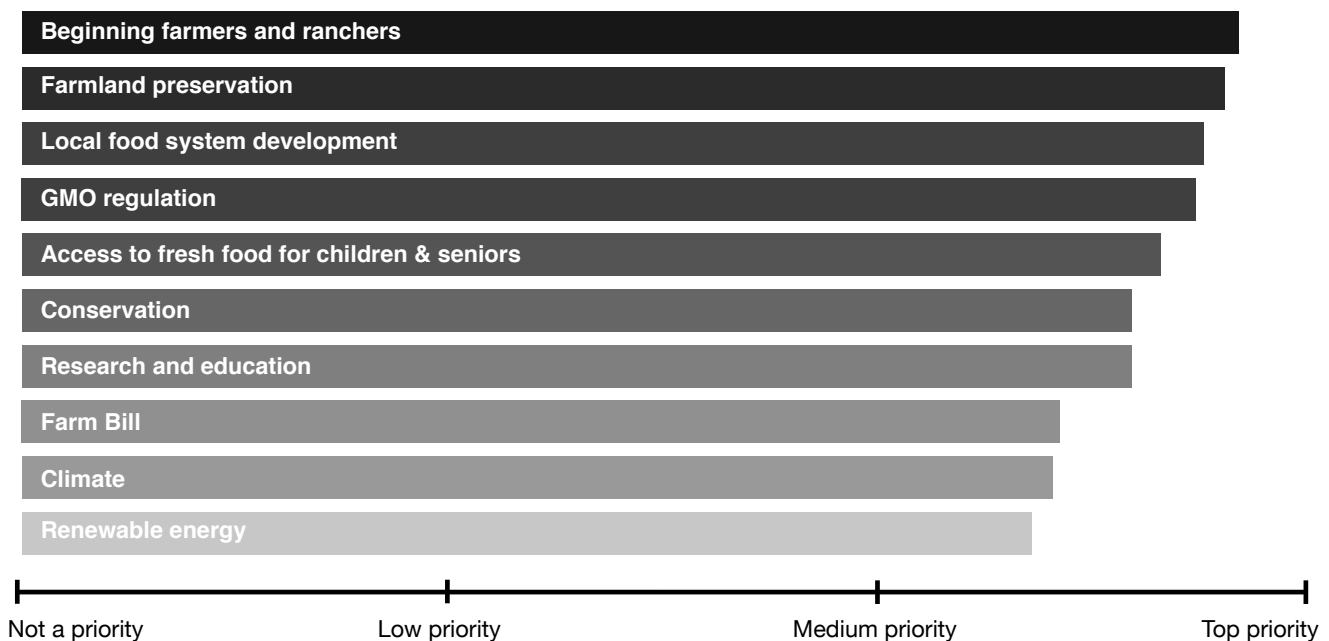


In a July, 2014 survey, Tilth Producers of Washington asked members to rate about 20 policy priorities from “not a priority” to “top priority”. Members were also asked to select ways in which they would like to engage in policy advocacy. Roughly 15% of Tilth Producers membership responded to the survey.

PRIORITIES

Beginning farmers and ranchers ranked as the top priority issue, with 98% of survey respondents listing it as a top or medium priority. *Farmland preservation* came in as a close second. *Local food system development* ranked third, but was identified by the most respondents as their “one top issue.” *GMO regulation* ranked fourth, four places above *GMO labeling* (not included below).

Top 10 Policy Priorities for Tilth Producers of Washington Members, 2014



Other priorities, in order: Rural economic development, Organic standards, Fair competition, Organic research and promotion order (aka “check-off program”), Food safety regulation, Immigration reform, Socially disadvantaged farmers, Commodity and crop insurance reform

ENGAGING IN POLICY

94% of members surveyed saw *direct advocacy by Tilth* as an “important” or “very important” advocacy opportunity. 87% saw in-person meetings with legislators the same way. This was closely followed by *local activities in my community*, and then *action alerts*. 52% of members reported that our policy blog was “important” or “very important”.



MOVING FORWARD

These policy priorities and strategies will guide our policy advocacy work in 2015. To get involved, contact Policy Coordinator Ariana Taylor-Stanley, ariana@tilthproducers.org or 206.660.8958 or read our Policy Blog: tilthproducers.org/category/policy

Opportunities to engage in policy advocacy with Tilth Producers, ranked by importance